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Dulles Views Kremlin Problems

America's "master spy," Allen W. Dulles, admits that Communism is a major threat in the world, but he also sees some considerable handicaps in the way of Communism's craving to spread itself.

The Kremlin's problems are at least as overpowering as our own, the former head of the Central Intelligence Agency believes.

Bringing his look closer to our shores, Dulles believes that the Kremlin is unhappy about Fidel Castro's blatant admission that he was a Communist even before his power seizure in Cuba.

The Russians would have preferred to keep Castro's true colors under wraps for the advantage that concealment could have had in Communist designs for advancing itself in the Western Hemisphere, particularly in Latin America. Even the most vocal defenders of Castroism among Latin American leaders are now grudgingly coming to see that if that movement came to their country, they would be out.

No Communist party is strong enough to take over a government in South America, despite a decade of concerted Soviet effort in that area.

Dulles concedes that the Reds regard Africa as a gold mine for Communist infiltration, because they realize that their greatest opportunity lies with now, weak, ineffective governments. Nonetheless they have found great difficulty in manipulating African leaders, who haven't much power themselves, and

they have made grandiose promises which, in most cases they have been unable to fulfill. This has rebounded to their discredit.

The Red leaders are trying to capitalize on the current rash of revolutionary outbursts around the globe, but Dulles points out that no country has ever freely adopted Communism. That form of government has never been voted in by honest elections, nor by the free and unfettered will of the people. Always it has come by force and violence.

Dulles believes there are too many pessimists around. He personally has never accepted the view that we are in a losing contest with the Soviets. He thinks we can win, but we have to prepare for a long pull by maintaining military strength and furthering our development in the ideological, economic and informational fields.

Credence attaches to these views because they come from a man who probably knows more about the international Communist than any other American today. As head of the intelligence agency he had long familiarity with Communist strategy, and when he speaks on the subject he commands attention.